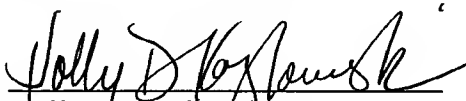


REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 34, 36 and 42 are amended for matters of form only. A Version With Markings Showing Changes Made is attached. Claims 1-32 are cancelled and claims 44-75 are added. Claims 44-75 contain limitations from original claims 1-32, respectively. A new Abstract in accordance with customary U.S. patent practice is also provided. It is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, whereby entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 34, 36 and 42 are amended as follows:

34. (Amended) A method of performing visual correction in a patient by replacing the natural lens with a lens implant comprising:

(a) excising an area of the anterior capsular bag of the eye having a sufficient size to surgically remove the natural lens;

(b) locating a sealing device comprising a flexible plug part and removable adjusting means of a size sufficient to cover said excised area with said adjusting means to a position where a peripheral anterior surface of said plug part contacts the inner [(]posterior[)] wall so as to sufficiently cover said excised area;

(c) delivering a lens filling material into the capsular [a] bag by using a delivering means to temporarily displace and/or deform said plug part to admit passage into the capsular bag of said material;

(d) before removing the delivery means, introducing lens forming material into the capsular bag to an extent that said material exerts a sufficient pressure on the posterior side of the plug part to seal the excised area, so said lens material is prevented from being displaced from the capsular bag to the posterior chamber of the eye; and

(e) finalizing the lens forming process in the eye.

36. (Amended) A method according to claim 35, wherein said excised area has a largest diameter that essentially extends over the visual [filed] field.

